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NUMALIGARH REFINERY
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Numaligarh Refinery Limited has been facing acute shortage and crisis for crude oil and is likely to stop production;

(b) if so, the crude supplies to and capacity utilisation of the Refinery during 2001-02 and 2002-03 so far; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to augment the supplies of crude to the refinery for optimum utilisation of the refining capacity thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Against an installed capacity of 3 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA), Numaligarh Refinery Limited has been supplied 1.87 MMTPA of crude during the financial year 2002-03, recording a capacity utilization of 62.6%.

(b): The crude supplies to and capacity utilization of the Numaligarh Refinery Limited during 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as follows:

	Installed Capacity (MMTPA)	Crude supply (MMTPA)	Capacity utilization %
2001-02	3.0	2.3	76.9
2002-03	3.0	1.87	62.6

(c): In order to increase the availability of crude to the four North Eastern Refineries, 1.5 MMTPA of Ravva crude has been allocated to Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited for the year 2003-04 which would result in increase in overall availability of crude oil to the four North Eastern Refineries, including Numaligarh Refinery Limited.